

Solutions: Random Variables Checkpoint 2

Question 1

The number of people in a car that crosses a certain bridge is represented by the random variable X , which has a mean value $\mu_X = 2.7$, and a variance $\sigma^2_X = 1.2$. The toll on the bridge is \$3.00 per car plus \$.50 per person in the car. The mean and variance of the total amount of money that is collected from a car that crosses the bridge are:

Select one answer.
10 points

- ☐ (a) mean = \$1.35, variance = \$.30.
- ☐ (b) mean = \$8.60, variance = \$.30.
- ☐ (c) mean = \$8.60, variance = \$.60.
- ☐ (d) mean = \$4.35, variance = \$3.30.
- ☐ (e) mean = \$4.35, variance = \$.30.

Correct answer: (e)

Question 2

A parking garage has two entrances. Let X be the number of cars that enter the garage through door A in an hour, and Y be the number of cars that enter through door B in an hour. Assuming that $\mu_X = 15$ and $\mu_Y = 25$, what is the mean of Z , the total number of cars that enter the garage in an hour.

Select one answer.
10 points

- ☐ (a) 10
- ☐ (b) 15
- ☐ (c) 25
- ☐ (d) 40
- ☐ (e) The mean of Z cannot be determined.

Correct answer: (d)